

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2008. With this response, the specification and claim 1 are amended and new claim 13 has been added. All pending claims 1-13 are presented for consideration and favorable action.

In the Office Action, a number of objections were noted with respect to the specification and claim 1. Those errors have been corrected and it is believed that the objection/rejection may be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected based upon Kasuya US 2002/0096440. It is believed that amended independent claim 1 is patentably distinct from this reference.

Kasuya shows a chamber which can be opened on to a bottle by breaking open a seal 26 using a ball 50. The claimed invention differs from this configuration in a number of ways. In the present invention, a main body of a movable member is received in a main body of a fixing member. The movable body is threadably coupled to the fixing member. This is not shown by Kasuya.

Further, in amended independent claim 1, when the movable member is moved relative to the fixing member, a seal is removed and this provides an opening between an opened lower end of the movable member and seal member of the fixing member. This is illustrated, for example, in Figure 2 of the instant application. This is not shown by Kasuya. In fact, if element 120 of Kasuya was removed from element 30, no opening would be formed and the “secondary material” would not be released into the “primary material”. In contrast, as set forth in amended claim 1, when the lower end of the tube is opened, secondary material is released from a storage chamber into primary material.

Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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